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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to recognize H.D. Darby on his  
4 accomplishments during the Civil Rights movement and for his  
5 role in fighting for voter rights; and

6           WHEREAS, In the early 1950s, H.D. Darby tried several times  
7 to register to vote, but was denied each time, being told that  
8 he did not "qualify"; and

9           WHEREAS, H.D. Darby filled a lawsuit against the State of  
10 Mississippi to be able to register to vote without having to  
11 interpret the state's constitution; and

12           WHEREAS, H.D. Darby was victorious in his lawsuit and that  
13 victory gave African-Americans the right to vote in Mississippi  
14 just as all other citizens could; and

15           WHEREAS, H.D. Darby's grandson, Christopher Blanks, who is  
16 a poet, author, and youth mentor and the founder of The Black  
17 Abolition Movement for the Mind, Inc., continues to carry on  
18 his family's tradition of community activism; therefore, be it

19           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
20 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we

1 recognize H.D. Darby on his accomplishments during the Civil  
2 Rights movement and for his role in fighting for voter rights;  
3 and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
5 presented to the family of H.D. Darby as an expression of our  
6 esteem and respect.